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Dear Athan,

9/20/84

Here is the not-so-clear copy of The Director Is Always Right - Even When He Is Obviously Wrong to which I referred earlier. I suppose the caption should also include and everybody agrees. Because they'd better!

This is quite interesting because the summary of what I said is entirely consistent with what I would have said, so it is probably 100% accurate on the first page, with the possible exception of tree in the singular. And believe me, what I am quoted as having said is itself 100% factual.

But the amusing point, Hoover' saying that there was a tree in the way, my recollection being that he said trees were, it gets funny at the top of second page because they figured out a way to placate Hoover when he was so vert wrong.

How wrong you can see from that page of my first book. The Secret Service photo I used leaves it without possibility of question, there is not a single tree on Houston St. Moreover, the clearly visible shadows of what is to the right or west, the direction the motorcade took after it turned left onto Elm St, the rounded curbing clearly visible in the lower right-hand corner of the picture, shows not a single tree shadow. The shadows of the utility poles and wires are clear enough.

With the actual, official photo to prove that I was absolutely correct and Hoover totally wrong, his honchos told him, top of 2, "Weisberg is completely off base on this point. The motorcade as it turned left off of Houston Street entered a park and from the window of the Bookstore trees did block the view of the motorcade prior to entering the park. The Director's testimony is accurate."

After the left turn there were trees so no matter that there were none before the left turn, there were where there weren't and Hoover was again perfect.

Of course by this time there was a major worry for those who had not been able to rectify that portion of his testimony. They's have had to remove the question, which even they did not dare do.

In addition, this is a momentous matter that required the time and thought of the top echelon. Tolson and DeLoach have their marks. Tom Bishop, under DeL has, what appear to be the initials of Inspector Malley (and I'm not certain) seem to be affixed. And copies were designated on typing for Wick, who was under Bishop, and Rosen.

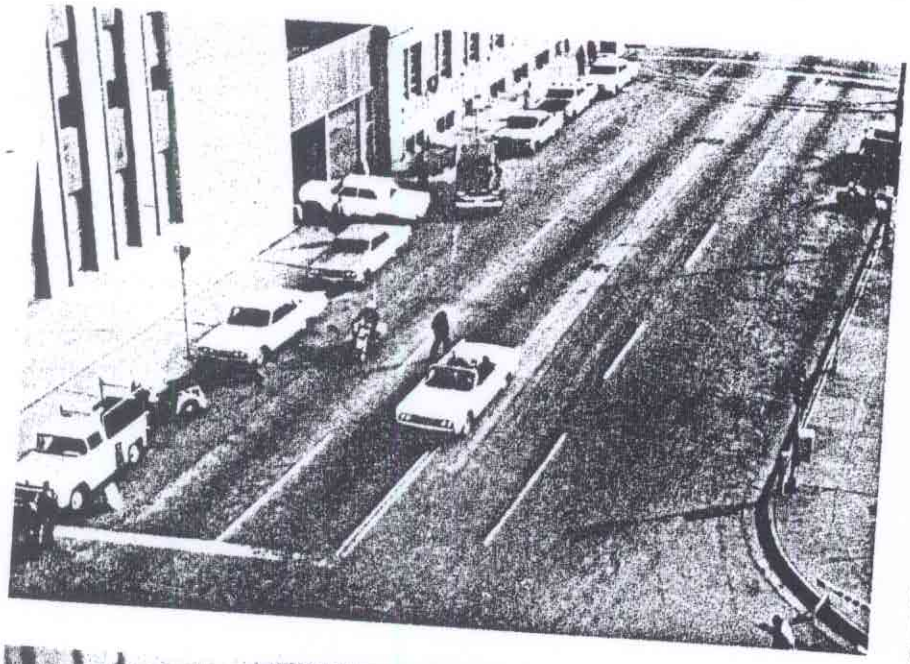
This, too, an author talking about his book, required the time, use of equipment and expense of taping the broadcast. But imagine even taking the time to listen with all the FBI should have been doing! (And if this is representative, is there not a g question of the FBI's monitoring what citizens think and say, or an aspect of a still different kind of domesyic intelliegnce?

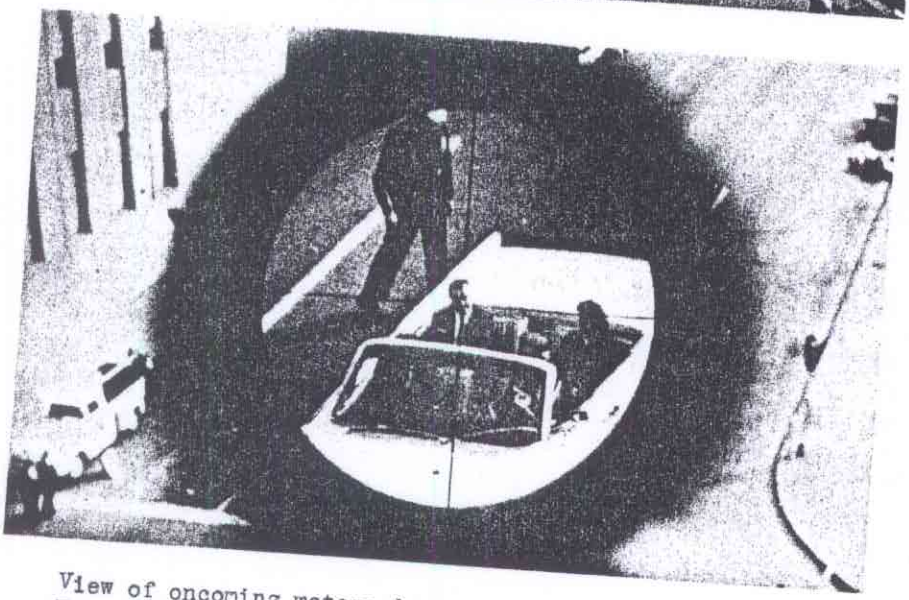
Other records indicate that when the broadcasts were taped, the Lab did the taping, for the Washington area, that is

Thanks you for your kind letter of the 14th, which came today. I hope what I sent is helpful and I certainly do hope you can complete the ms by the fall of next year! With regard to postage, I forgot to keep a record because I've never done that, like lawyers have to, or of time, etc. Suppose we just make an estimate after I send you the Hoover testimony, when I'll send you one bill for the xeroxing?

It is a good idea to make the effort to keep them a little honest re deletions. Unnecessary and unjustified deletions are one of their methods of phonying up cost statistics and harassing requesters.

The attached document is recorded in a file I cannot make out. It begins with a "1" and thus could be the 100 file on me. But I believe that by 9/66 there were more serials, and the serial "9" is clear. I've forgotten and maybe they did open that 100 file when the book appeared that May. Best wishes,





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View of oncoming motorcade from the sixth-floor window. These pictures, taken by the Secret Service (Exhibit 875) dispute J. Edgar Hoover's testimony about obstruction of the alleged assassin's view. See page 51.